

***Business Area #7:
Harvard Square***

Boundaries: bordered by Waterhouse Street, Garden Street, Mason Street, Ash Street, the Charles River, Flagg Street, Putnam Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: establishments and business offices on Massachusetts Avenue between 1050 and 1540, Mt. Auburn Street between 1 and 168, and the numerous restaurants, shops, and offices on Holyoke, Dunster, and Winthrop Streets, as well as, the Charles Square and University Place complexes.



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Even with the moderate increase in **commercial robberies**, they continue to be the least committed target crime in the Square, with only three incidents for the first six months of 2001, two incidents for all of last year and two back in 1999. The 1999 total of two commercial robberies was the lowest total for the Square in over forty years. During the decade of the 1980s, this business district averaged over twenty commercial robberies annually. This target crime has plummeted with only twenty-three incidents recorded since 1995. All three robberies for the first six months of this year remain under investigation. • **Commercial burglary** reversed trend for the first six months of this year and increased by 25%. This target crime had been on a declining trend (-69%) up to the first six months of last year with only four reported burglaries. Last year's decline piggybacks 1999's twenty-two percent drop. Fortunately, arrests were made in three of the five breaks. • With a 33% increase, **larceny from the person**, remains a concern with over 100 incidents annually. Nimble pocket-pickers targeted the patrons of coffee shops, restaurants, and cinemas. • An analysis of **shoplifting** trends pinpoints video/music items and clothing as the preferred stolen items. Fortunately, arrests were made in twenty-eight of the forty-two incidents. • **Larceny from buildings** increased slightly by 10% with eight incidents being reported for the 14 to 74 block of JFK St. • Of the **Fraud / Flim Flam / Counterfeiting** crime group, forgeries accounted for all twelve reported incidents with two arrests being made.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2000	2 nd Quarter 2001	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	31	34	+10%
Larceny from Person	52	69	+33%
Commercial Burglary	4	5	+25%
Commercial Robbery	2	3	+50%
Shoplifting	50	42	-16%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	23	12	-48%